

URBAN DISTRICT OF OTTERY ST. MARY.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Ottery St. Mary Urban District Council.

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I beg to present to you a brief statement of the Public  
Health for your District for 1942.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Estimated population 4,000.

Live births :-

Total 47. Male 24. Female 23.  
Illegitimate 2.  
Stillbirths Nil.

Death Rate :-

Total 66. Male 33. Female 33.

Average age of death about 65.

37 persons had reached the age of 70 & upwards.

18 persons had reached the age of 80 & upwards.

3 persons died at the age of over 90.

There were 5 deaths in young infants.

There were 6 deaths from Cancer, 4 from  
Tuberculosis, 6 from Cerebral Haemorrhage,  
3 accidental, one suicide, one case of murder,  
& one case due to enemy action, and 15 of the  
deaths were transferable.

HOSPITAL.

179 patients have been admitted to the Ottery St. Mary  
District Cottage Hospital during the year, the average duration of  
stay being 14 days.

102 operations were performed during the year.

37 accidents were treated.

The average number of beds occupied was 9.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

The Centre was open 48 times.

Number on Register.

Mothers	...	49.
Infants	...	35.
Toddlers 1 - 5	...	19.

Total number of attendances for the year :-

Mothers	...	604.
Infants	...	379.
Toddlers 1 - 5	...	375.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

During the year the District had a remarkable freedom from any epidemics.

The following notifications of Infectious Diseases were received :-

Measles	...	1.
Whooping Cough	...	1.
Scarlet Fever	...	4 (all isolated cases).
Tuberculosis	...	3.
1 Female	age	... 37.
1 "	"	... 71.
1 Male	"	... 72.

The Council has made great efforts to help the Campaign for Diphtheria Immunisation, and I think the following data shew a very satisfactory state of affairs in the District :-

Of all children under 5 years of age  
94% have now received treatment, and  
87% of children of school age have been  
immunised.

I am, gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) F. N. SIDEBOTHAM.

Medical Officer of Health.

30th November, 1943.